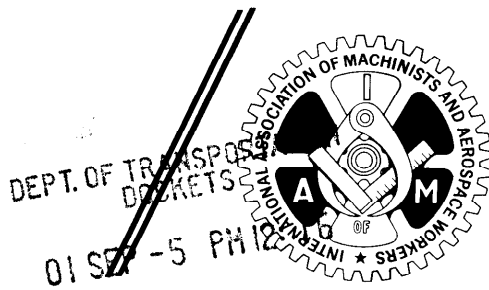


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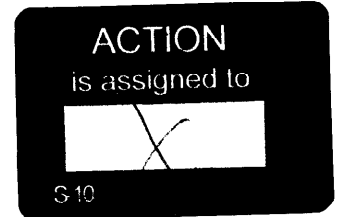


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Dear Secretary Mineta:

My name is Joseph Adinolfi. I am a Special Representative for the I.A.M.A.W. and a recent retiree from TWA.

I am writing in opposition to approval of anti-trust immunity that the U.S. Government is considering, leading to an alliance between American Airlines and British Airways.

I am opposing this approval for several reasons. I believe that the jobs of the members of the I.A.M.A.W., who are employed at British Airways in the United States, will be in jeopardy since American Airlines flies in and out of virtually every gateway city in the United States that British Airways services. I am sure that American and British have assured our Government that all employees' jobs will be secure.

As a recent TWA retiree, I have first-hand knowledge that American Airlines lied to Senator McCain's committee in February when Don Carty promised the Committee jobs for all TWA unionized employees. Well, those jobs now turn out to be part-time jobs or no jobs.


Further, TWA's Mechanic & Related employees and Flight Attendants have been unable to get an agreement for the fair and equitable integration of seniority. Hundreds of Mechanics have been laid off in New York, Boston, and Washington. Fifteen (15) TWA stations and the TWA Chicago Reservations Center are being closed. Hundreds of Customer Service Agents will lose their full-time jobs and be forced to work part-time or be laid off.

Carty's promises to the TWA retirees regarding their health benefits were also lies. American recently sent correspondence to all TWA retirees informing them that they must pay for health benefits, the cost of which American agreed, before the Bankruptcy Court, to pick up. American Airlines has also cancelled retirement travel privileges for hundreds of TWA employees.

American Airlines lied to a Senate Committee. It lied to a Federal Bankruptcy Court, and it lied to TWA's employees and retirees. It is now lying to your Department and the Justice Department in its request for anti-trust immunity.

For the above reasons, I believe that the D.O.T. should vehemently oppose any anti-trust immunity between American Airlines and British Airways.

Respectfully,


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